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SUBJECT: JENKINS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON MTN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM COMMISSION PRESIDENT  
JENKINS TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH WAS GIVEN BY CHEF DE  
CABINET TICKELL TO DCM OCTOBER 20.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
I WANTED TO LET YOU HAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON PROGRESS IN  
THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING THE MEET-  
ING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF OUR MEMBER STATES IN  
LUXEMBOURG ON 18 OCTOBER.

SINCE YOU WROTE YOUR ENCOURAGING LETTER TO ME OF 26  
AUGUST, WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH BOB STRAUSS  
ON 22 SEPTEMBER, AND SINCE THEN HAVE GIVEN THE NEGOTI-  
ATIONS A FIRM PUSH FORWARDS. I WAS IN PARTICULAR  
REASSURED BY THE ATTITUDE OF OUR MEMBER STATES ON 18  
OCTOBER. I WILL NOT CONCEAL THAT THERE ARE SOME DOUBTS  
AMONG THEM ABOUT THE DEPTH OF THE TARIFF CUT WHICH WE  
SHOULD AIM FOR, AND SOME DIFFERENCES OF EMPHASIS  
BETWEEN US ON OTHER POINTS. BUT WE ARE ALL AGREED ON  
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THE NEED TO BRING THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO A RAPID AND  
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, AND YOU CAN COUNT ON OUR WHOLE-  
HEARTED COOPERATION TO THIS END.

WHEN I WAS IN JAPAN LAST WEEK, I WAS ALSO MUCH HEARTENED  
BY THE ATTITUDE OF PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA AND HIS GOVERN-  
MENT TOWARDS THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE WAS CLEARLY ANXIOUS

TO GO AHEAD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH JAPAN ATTACHED TO EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE DOWNING STREET SUMMIT WERE MAKING TO REACH THEIR TARGETS. HE HAD SOME POINTS TO MAKE ABOUT THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE EUROPEAN AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS, AND I SPOKE ABOUT THE MOUNTING JAPANESE SURPLUS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT. IN THIS RESPECT I CAN ONLY SAY THAT MR. FUKUDA CLEARLY EXPECTED A TURN IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, AND UNDERLINED THE INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO WORK TOWARDS OVERALL EQUILIBRIUM. FOR MY PART I DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

WE SHALL OF COURSE BE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU HERE ON 2 DECEMBER. OUR STAFFS ARE IN TOUCH ABOUT SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT THEN BE DISCUSSED. I SHOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE HOW MUCH I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN AND TO RESUMING OUR DISCUSSION OF THE POINTS OF MOST CONCERN TO US BOTH IN THE DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

YOURS SINCERELY,  
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ROY JENKINS END QUOTE.

3. IN DELIVERING LETTER, TICKELL COMMENTED THAT JENKINS WAS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO LET US KNOW THAT HE REGARDED OUTCOME OF OCTOBER 18 COUNCIL AS VERY POSITIVE, OPENING WAY FOR EC TO PROCEED IN GOOD FAITH WITH FURTHER WORK ON BASIS OF OUR JOINT HYPOTHESIS. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT COUNCIL DID NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO FINAL OUTCOME BUT COMMISSION HAD NOT ASKED FOR SUCH COMMITMENT AND PREFERRED TO WAIT UNTIL ALL ELEMENTS OF MTN PACKAGE WERE ON THE TABLE EARLY NEXT YEAR BEFORE COMING TO THE CRUNCH WITH THE MEMBER STATES.

4. WE RECOMMEND THIS MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO STR FOR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS AND REPEATED TO GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR MCDONALD.

5. TEXT OF ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED. HINTON

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